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Russian Icon showing the women arriving to an empty tomb with an angel pointing out that Christ had risen.

Bishop's Easter message

I was among guests the other night, after a lovely dinner party, discussing the ending of Mark's Gospel (well, the dinner party was in a rectory): *for they were afraid* (Mark 16.8 – the following verses are almost certainly added on).



One of the consequences of this strange ending is that Mark, unlike the other Gospel writers, has no appearances of the risen Jesus, though he maybe hints at one. Really, the sparse eight verses he devotes to the resurrection is a kind of double announcement – he has been raised and he is not here. For Mark, that is the Good News of Easter – he has been raised, he is not here.

Jesus is not there in the tomb, his body is not there as it ought to have been. It is clearly very important that it is not there. But where is it? Well, the answer is clear enough. Remember that it is with some kind of body, visible and tangible, marked with the marks of Good Friday, that Jesus appears in the other Gospel accounts to various people. It is in some kind of body that he is said, later on, to ascend. The clear New Testament witness is therefore this – Jesus, raised from the dead, is not separated from his body. Extraordinary. What on earth could it mean?

The clue is given in a passage from Revelation which used to be the second reading at Matins on Easter Day. In it the risen Jesus says: 'I am the living one. I was dead and, see, I am alive for ever and ever...' The risen Jesus remembers that he was dead. In other words he has not, as it were, left his human experience behind. Rather he has taken it into new vistas. That's what 'body' means for us, the human experience of Jesus. He is never separated from his body, from his humanity.

That means, of course, that he is never separated from us. The Body of Christ, the Body of Christ, the Body of Christ... the priest says to each who receives Holy Communion. Jesus is still not separated from his body. Just because he is raised from the dead, just because that tomb was empty and could not hold him imprisoned, Jesus is free to roam where he will, free to be

united with his body, with you and me, free to share in our human experience, free to be present among us; free to be with lots of people we would never dream of, free to assure us that one day, the totality of our human experience, of yours and mine, indeed of all people, will be held and yet gloriously transformed in the midst of new and deathless life, so that we will know both who we were and who we are becoming, and live fruitfully and gloriously beyond our wildest imaginings with that knowledge.

+Gregor

Mothering Sunday

There will be a Diocesan Evensong for Mothering Sunday at the Cathedral at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 3rd April. There will be no evening service at St. Andrew's that evening.

Easter Flowers



We are going to try something a little different this year for the decoration of the Church for Easter. So that everybody in the congregation can feel involved with the Easter flowers, we suggest that each person buys a lily that will be used in the decoration of the Church. We do not expect you to go out and buy a lily, but to donate the cost of one (or several) so that a bulk purchase can be made. The Flower Group will still arrange the flowers on Easter Saturday. There is a box at the back of the Church, marked Easter Lilies, for your donations or you can speak to Kirstin, Ann Caie or any member of the Flower Group. The last date for donations will be on Palm Sunday. We are hoping to fill the Church with the sight and scent of white lilies.

Ann Caie

Bishop's Lenten Appeal: Mercy Ships

Notice was given in the February issue of this magazine about this year's Lenten appeal. Since then the diocesan synod has been held and more information on it is now available, some of which we would like to pass on while Lent is still with us.

The Bishop's appeal can raise significant sums over the diocese: for example, just over £9,000 last year for St. Matthew's, Possilpark and more than £12,700 for Aquabox the previous year.

Mercy Ships provide civilian hospital facilities to some of the poorest communities in the world by visiting the ports of West Africa. Countries at war or which have major disparities in the distribution of wealth, as in Nigeria, are not visited.

The usual practice is for the ships to be berthed for about ten months at a time and visit countries every three years. The main work done on the ships is surgical: with the present emphasis on plastic surgery for cleft palates for young children; eye surgery to remove cataracts; general surgery to remove tumours; and operations to correct for fistulae and other mishaps following labour. In addition, dental clinics are provided on the mainland.

Recently the organisation extended the range of its activities: agricultural advice helping the local population to diversify into organic farming; sink wells to provide water supplies; and general construction.

The staff who operate the ships and provide health care are all volunteers, and must fund their travel costs to and from the ships. They also contribute to the cost of their keep. The volunteers stay for varying lengths; and some even bring their families with them.

More information on the work of Mercy Ships and on volunteering with them may be found at <http://www.mercyships.org.uk>.

Bryan Stack & Robin Milne

All Saints Auction

The organisers would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of this event, through donations, time and effort, or bids (successful or otherwise!). We have raised in excess of £2,600, which is a magnificent achievement.

Mairi Ross, Janet Stack, Susan Gray

All Saints Fundraising: future plans

Thanks in part to the success of such occasions as the Summer Fair, the Art Show and the Auction and, even more, to the ongoing generosity of church members; All Saints' overall financial position is looking more secure. As a result, the vestry has approved the idea that the proceeds from any major special event for the next twelve months should be split in a 75:25 ratio, with the majority of the funds going to outside good causes.

I welcome suggestions for new and exciting events and the vestry will be happy to consider any nominated charity or cause (particularly local ones) to benefit from a particular effort.

A 'brainstorming' evening will take place in the near future, when we will collect ideas for events and causes. Meanwhile, if you have any brilliant suggestions, please have a word with me!

Mairi Ross

Chrism Mass

Every year around Holy Week the clergy in the diocese gather with their Bishop to renew their ordinations vows and receive the holy oils to take back to their parishes. Bishop Gregor wants to encourage members of congregation also to attend. The services are on 16th April and further details can be got from Lay Readers.

Holiday

Kirstin will be on Holiday from 25th April till 9th May. Mike and Fraser should be your first port of call should any Pastoral emergencies arise.

Confirmations

The Bishop will be coming for confirmations on Sunday, 24th July. Could anyone who wishes to be confirmed please speak to Kirstin as soon as possible so that preparation can be arranged. Thank you.

All Saints Sunday School

After many years Alisa, Sarah and Ann have decided that as much as they love leading the Sunday School it is time for a rest. All at All Saints are thankful for their service and their commitment in teaching our children in fun ways about God.

Now we are looking for those who feel that they could offer their talents and gifts in this way to pick up the baton. It is hoped that 6 people will feel called to this valuable and rewarding work, working in teams of two and being on duty once each month (in church on the first Sunday of the month). There will be a meeting on Monday, 16th May at 7.30 p.m. at the Rectory for those who would like to learn more before making any firm commitment. Please let Kirstin know if you intend coming along.



Several members and friends were entertained to a 'hat exhibition' held by Chris Hermann in her flat, at the end of February. We had a very enjoyable afternoon, followed by lots of delicious things to eat! By the amount of millinery on display, we came to the conclusion that the flat is 'tardis-like' to store so many lovely hats. Thank you, Chris, for your hospitality.

I hope members spotted the deliberate mistake in last months' magazine regarding the date of the night out. A senior moment struck me and I should have said the date is Saturday, 7th May (not the 8th). My apologies!

Please note that the April meeting, the Quiet Evening being taken by Kirstin, is at 7.30 p.m. and we look forward to seeing everyone at our last meeting before the closure of the branch in May.

For your diary...

Wednesday, 30th March - 10.45 a.m. Intercessions in committee room, followed by bring & share lunch and discussion.
Monday, 11th April - 7.30 p.m. Quiet Evening led by Rev. Kirstin Freeman.
Wednesday, 13th April - 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
Saturday, 30th April - 10.45 a.m. Intercessions
Saturday, 7th May - 50th Anniversary and reunion dinner at Esporta, Milngavie (£25). Anyone wishing to join us on that evening please contact Elaine.
Sunday, 8th May - 11.00 a.m. Service to mark the closure of the Branch.

June Roach

Church Ladies With typewriters

They're back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

Magazine

Please send any articles for inclusion in the June issue of the magazine to Jennifer Taylor, (Jennifer.taylor461@ntlworld.com) 37 Kilmardinny Crescent, Bearsden, by Sunday, 22nd May, 2011 at the latest. Thank you.

Growth plans gather pace

Plans are now well under way for the launch of the Diocesan Growth Strategy, writes ministry development officer Anne Tomlinson.

Every Region will be holding a service around Pentecost, using a common liturgy written for the occasion.

To emphasise the diocesan nature of this work, the preacher and president at each service will be the Bishop. The service will also include symbolic actions or symbols appropriate to the local context.

That balance between 'the local' and 'the diocesan' in the Launch Liturgy is symbolic of the Strategy as a whole. For, while it is a coherent set of pathways guiding our corporate life over the next five years, offered and led by the Bishop, that 'framework' will enable each charge to grow according to the nature of the local soil and 'weather conditions'. The fruits growing up the trellis will be different according to context.

Glasgow North West launch service will be held at All Saints, Bearsden on 13th June at 7.30 p.m.

So what happens after the launch?

All charges will be invited to call a facilitator to come and work alongside them in drawing up their Mission Action Plan (MAP) for the coming year.

A map acts as a 'compass', pointing out the direction in which the charge will work, and a 'magnet', drawing all members to co-operate in shared aims and objectives. MAP facilitators will work with up to two congregations – neither of which would be their own – accompanying them as they produce their Plan and thereafter keeping a watching brief as the charge seeks to implement the actions it has identified. This 'partnership' with the congregation will be reviewed annually, for a maximum of five years.

The Bishop or the Dean will visit every charge once a year to listen to the stories of avenues explored via the MAP, and to share in celebrating those ventures which have worked well and learning from those that have not been

successful. Both are important, and the most important aspect of all is the fact that new ventures have been tried. These stories of growth will also be shared across Regions and Diocese by a variety of other means: through a dedicated website, at Regional meetings, at synods and through DNS.

As members of the diocese we will work hard at planting and watering, and will be supporting one another too, but the Strategy is underpinned by an awareness that it is God who makes things grow, and that we are co-workers in God's service (1 Cor 3, 6-9). So in the lead-up to the launch let us all pray the Growth Strategy prayer: *Spirit of our Loving God, in your mercy and compassion inspire, encourage and empower us to live and work together as a Diocese, to allow your mission for us to take flesh through Jesus Christ our Living and Eternal Lord. Amen.*

Booking open for youth weeks

GLEN '11: Mission Possible is the name of the Provincial Youth Weeks that will be taking place at Glenalmond College, Perthshire.

There is a choice of dates: 31st July – 6th August and 7th – 13th August. The weeks are open to all members of the Scottish Episcopal Church aged 12-18 who have completed their first year of secondary education.

There are some voluntary leadership team vacancies this year. There is space for up to five trainee leaders to attend in Week 1. Candidates should be available for the training weekend (3rd – 5th June) and week 1 (30th July – 6th August). There is an application process and success will be based on interview and PVG (the process replacing SCRO checks).

The organisers are also looking for someone each week to perform the role of 'camp recorder'. This will involve taking and collating photographs and video footage and presenting the end product in DVD format within tight timescales. Again, this is subject to application and PVG. Recorders would be required to attend the training weekend and either week 1 or week 2.

Anyone interested should email christinem@scotland.anglican.org for an application form. For details and a booking form visit www.scotland.anglican.org or contact Christian Okeke (0141 221 5720). The closing date is 6 June.

Show Me the Money – Saturday, 12th February, 2011

Ever keen on discovering new ideas for fund raising and publicity, James Carrick and Jan Macdonald joined a day's workshop focused on publicity and fund raising. It was organised by Gordon Fyfe, of Glasgow and Galloway Education Action Group. Well-attended by folks from across the united diocese, it was held in The Church of the Holy Name, Cumbernauld. The workshop leaders were Karen Docwra, a professional fundraiser for Waverley Care, Margaret Hanley representing the perspective of a local newspaper and Lorna Finlay, Press Officer for the Scottish Episcopal Church. The sessions were lively, engaging and helpful. We appreciated each of the leader's contributions.

Throughout the day, a common sense, practical approach was taken to all aspects of publicity and fund raising. Some of what was suggested and discussed was familiar.

Nevertheless, several points came across strongly to us:

- * planning and preparation *before* any event or project are crucial and must be *timely*
- * all advertising materials and grant applications need to be professionally presented
- * there's a need to be creative – for example, updating and adapting old ideas while remembering that events need to be tailored to suit the target audience
- * building a good relationship with local press and media is invaluable

Significantly, the day opened and closed with worship. For inviting us to join the morning's Community Eucharist, we would thank Rev. Canon Dr. Barnabas A. Oguguo and, for leading us in the Evening Office, The Revd Dr. Anne Tomlinson.

We have more details on how to approach publicity and marketing – so don't hesitate to contact us should you be looking for further ideas yourselves.

James Carrick and Jan Macdonald

Notes from St. Andrew's Vestry Meeting Wednesday, 2nd March, 2011

For some time, the vestry has been considering our becoming a Fair Trade Church. Our thanks to Liz Macdonald who researched the details of what is entailed. Primarily, we are required only to use Fair Trade products and to raise wider awareness, wherever possible, of the value in doing so. Liz will deal with the official application on our behalf. We are looking into the possibility of other courses of action especially during next year's Fair Trade Fortnight.

James has updated St. Andrew's publicity leaflet to be distributed locally. He is also working on our website with Janet Stack.

Our levels of financial support to Friendship House were discussed. During current work on windows and rot, further rot was discovered there. It was decided initially, through Milngavie Churches Committee, to seek more help from the other churches.

An Acer tree will be planted in the garden in memory of Ruth Andrews.

Half yearly management accounts were presented to the meeting showing that congregational giving is down again. Therefore the question of stewardship will need to be revisited. (*See note from Treasurer below.)

James and Jan reported that they had had a very enjoyable, informative day at the fund-raising workshop, "Show Me the Money".

On charitable giving, £300.00 will be sent to Dismas for his new roof. £100.00 each will be sent to: Christchurch, Zane, SSAFA, WaterAid, Chas, Maxi Richards and The Church Army.

On Property, Gordon furnished the meeting with the following details:

Hall estimate to be obtained for insulating roof space.

Hall resealing of floor to be carried out near Easter, £1269.

Church estimate to be obtained to insulate roof space.

Church most of the paintwork has been completed, £150.00 still due.

Garden estimate to be obtained for replacement of the lead water pipes which run through Friendship House to our kitchen.

Additional work on windows, hall door and downpipes - of which some has been done but - will not be fully paid until fully completed all in accordance to Schedule of work distributed on 4th January. Ongoing work has been very much weather-dependent.

Significant expenditure on property has been as follows:

Church: Roof: £1,410.00
Stripping and sealing floor: £1,080.00
Part Painting outside: £500.00 **TOTAL £2,990.00**

Hall : Replacement of Weatherboarding on south elevation
and insulation: £1,980.00
Alarm: £190.00
Electrical: £353.00 **TOTAL £2,523.00**

Reporting from Milngavie Churches Committee, Gordon confirmed for us that St. Joseph's will host the Walk of Witness this year. This relocation of venue will necessitate a slightly altered route.

Date of next meeting is Wednesday, 4th May, 2011.

Jan Macdonald

* **Note from Treasurer of St Andrew's.**

The thought of a full blown Stewardship Campaign fills me with horror, involving as it would, visiting all congregational members and the time necessary from our small band of vestry members and others to carry this out. I was in the bank today when the Cashier said that £5 notes were becoming very rare and in very poor condition. This illustrates the fact that £5 has now become of little value – it will hardly purchase a book of stamps!

Our giving which is handled confidentially by Liz Macdonald with the anonymous numbered envelopes opened by our vestry members on rotation shows that we have weekly giving which ranges from £50 per week to £2 per week.

As our costs are weekly £230 for clergy costs and £540 for all the other running costs of the church and hall you will see that our weekly costs are therefore £770 (according to our half yearly management accounts recently submitted). If we have 28 people in church on a Sunday this equates to £27 per person. Perhaps this illustrates the true cost to us all of maintaining St. Andrew's.

Fortunately an enormous effort goes into renting out our hall which over the last half year has contributed £7,000, with a further £1,020 from Friendship House and £2,000 from Gift Aid and this equates to £13 per head of the average Sunday congregation attendance thus reducing the figure per person to **£14 per week**.

So, instead of having a Stewardship Campaign might everyone please look at their level of Giving? If all were to increase their giving by even £1 per week we would restore our income towards that of last year. The Diocesan Treasurer made this point two years ago and several of our congregational members took the opportunity to increase their level of giving.

In anticipation – Your friendly treasurer, Gordon

Note from St. Andrew's Organist

I promised to say a word about the various musical settings which we have been using in our Sung Eucharist. Last month I gave a potted history of Alan Oakley. This month we have been using the Galloway Mass by James Macmillan CBE who, as you know is the pre-eminent Scottish composer of his generation. This Mass was written in 1996 and first performed in the Good Shepherd Cathedral in Ayr on 25th March, 1997. We use his English setting suitable for our Liturgy. It is written for Cantor, congregation and choir but, being a small congregation we sing all the parts both cantor and

congregation. It is particularly suitable for Lent as is his St. Anne's Mass for the Advent season of which more anon!

AND NOW may I give advance notice of '*THE WORD REVEALED*'. This is a Festival Service prepared by RSCM to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. It consists of history, readings, hymns, songs and anthems. We have assembled a group of choristers to lead the worship and the service will be at **5.00 p.m. on Sunday, 5th June in St. Andrew's**.

Rehearsals will be held on Sundays 8th, 15th and 22nd May at 2.00 p.m. each for 1.25 hours to prepare singers and readers for this service. Additional note bashing available by request! We should be delighted if we were to be joined by members of All Saints Choir. Music is available from Marie Milne, who is acting as librarian, at 956 3821.

Both congregations will be made most welcome to mark this important commemoration and it is possible that some refreshment may be available in St. Andrew's Hall following the service.

Gordon

Suffering Church Sunday at St. Andrew's

The eminent Rev. Dr. Tony Sargent said that it 'would be a privilege' to give the address at our Suffering Church Sunday Service on Sunday, 20th March. He had attended the recent prayer breakfast in the United Free Church and we understood that he had recently returned from Pakistan (and is always glad to focus on the Middle East, Pakistan, Iraq and Iran).

Rev. Dr. Tony Sargent, Principal Emeritus, International Christian College, Glasgow

As his biographical details on the Internet tell us, Tony is a graduate of London Bible College and for nearly thirty years was the senior minister of Worthing Tabernacle in South-east England. He did his Doctorate of Ministry at Westminster Theological Seminary, and his thesis was published under the title of *The Sacred Anointing*. He also wrote the controversial book *Animal Right and Wrongs* and he is a member of Compassion in World Farming.



Tony is committed to Bethany Hospital, Bombay, and Emmanuel Ministries in Calcutta. He serves as a director of several Christian organisations including O.M., Elam Ministries, and is on the Council of the Evangelical Alliance, Scotland.

In 2008 Tony was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Strathclyde.

Of wide experience and Christian scholarship, we were particularly honoured that Tony came, at short notice, to preach at the service for Suffering Church Sunday at St. Andrew's. It was very good of him to take the time and effort to share his experiences and thoughts. Hearing from someone who is directly involved is always so much more affecting, challenging and inspiring than simply reading about Christians living lives in very difficult circumstances.

What came over from Tony's sermon was the hopefulness and growth of the Christian church in so many parts of Asia and Africa. He made the point that the church thrives and grows in adversity. The information which he imparted about large groups of Christian having convocations in remote parts of Asia with large numbers assembled was so refreshing to the congregation after our usual stories of heart-rending cruelty exhibited to Christians by other religions. Of course, he also touched on this.

Many of the stories which he imparted after the service would not have been suitable during a service but it was important that these, too, were heard. And he did make the point that most of what he had to say never reaches the world press - in some cases for protection of Christians.

As his biographical details had suggested, and meeting and hearing Rev. Dr. Tony definitely proved, we were the ones who'd had 'the privilege'.

Further reading from Rev. Dr. Tony's Publications & Papers

2008: *Gems from Martyn Lloyd Jones: An Anthology of Quotations from 'The Doctor'* (Carlisle: Paternoster)

2006: *The Sacred Anointing: Preaching and the Spirit's Anointing in the Life and Thought of Martyn Lloyd Jones* (Carlisle: Paternoster)

1996: *Animal Rights and Wrongs* (London: Hodder & Stoughton Religious)

What happened at Diocesan Synod

The annual Diocesan Synod was presided over by the Bishop, the Right Revd. Dr. Gregor Duncan on Saturday, 5th March. Diocesan secretary *Gib Fitzgibbon* gives an overview of the day.

It was attended by the Lay Reps of most charges, most of the clergy in the diocese, and visitors from other denominations and from our companion diocese of Gothenburg.

The Bishop's Charge spoke of Growing with God's Grace in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, ending with the prayer: *Spirit of our Loving God, in your mercy and compassion inspire, encourage and empower us to live and work together as a diocese, to allow your mission for us to take flesh through Jesus Christ our Living and Eternal Lord. Amen.*

Appointments and elections

Synod appointed the Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Treasurer, the Property Committee, the Boundaries Committee, and the Diocesan Auditor; and elected diocesan reps to General Synod, the Provincial Faith & Order Board, the Vacancy-in-See panel, and the Provincial Finance Committee. The diocesan place on the Provincial Information & Communications Board remained unfilled, and anyone interested is invited to contact the Diocesan Secretary.

Synod approved the accounts for last year and the Budget for the current year. The finances of the Diocese are sound, and we continue to weather the financial storms thanks to a well-structured portfolio. The only residual effect of the Paisley project will be payment of loan interest to the Diocese.

Synod approved the proposed changes to Canon 62 which will bring the retirement ages of stipendiary and non-stipendiary clergy into line (until such time as proposed new legislation changes the rules on retirement).

Presentations were received on:

- ♦ Progress on the implementation of the Diocesan Strategic Review, due to be launched across the Diocese at Pentecost;

- ◊ Mercy Ships – the subject of this year's Lent Appeal – which brings relief and medical treatment to the poorest people, principally on the West Coast of Africa;
- ◊ Being the Rural Church, and Faith and the Future of the Countryside;
- ◊ Theology and the sustainable environment;
- ◊ The work and proposals of the Diocesan Ministry Development Officer, Revd. Dr. Anne Tomlinson, with particular emphasis on the role of a learning culture in making the Growth Strategy a success.
- ◊ Gender imbalance in the Scottish Episcopal Church, with the prospect of three congregations in the Province being selected to develop understanding of gender issues in the church.

For more information on Synod proceedings, see your Lay Rep.

After-prison team go to Lomond-side

The Faith in Throughcare project at St. Matthew's, Possilpark took 12 volunteers on a 24-hour team-building session to Luss Parish Church last month.

The project recruits and trains volunteers to support people coming out of prison from short sentences, to help them integrate back into their local community.

A spokesman said: "It attempts to address the revolving door of re-offending that exists between places like Possilpark and Barlinnie."

The visit to Luss, with its six 6-bunk cabins next to Loch Lomond shore, was the project's first attempt to take volunteers away. It gave an opportunity to discuss many of the complex issues involved in being a volunteer for such a challenging group of people. The parish glebe, near the burial place of St. Kessog, has a Stations of the Cross walk which participants used to share some of the extraordinary and moving experiences of pain and joy that such a group could bring.

The project group enjoyed beautiful scenery, great food and meetings round a real fire in the manse. But only a few could face the dawn hike up the hill behind the village after the Old Firm game the night before!

Choirs gather for diocesan evensong

Choristers from around the diocese will join forces for Choral Evensong in St. Mary's Cathedral on Mothering Sunday, 3rd April, at 6.30 p.m.

Musical director Frikki Walker has put together a music list he describes as 'varied, challenging but still attractive and accessible'.

This Lovely Lady – Bryan Kelly; Responses: Smith; Psalm: 150 – Stanford; Canticles: Stanford in C; Ave Maris Stella – Elgar.

Choirs will arrive at St. Mary's Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. for rehearsal 4.30 p.m. Choristers without robes are welcome to just wear something smart. Music can be ordered from the RSCM online shop (musicdirectonline@rscm.com) or by phone on 01603 785900. Contact Frikki at music@thecathedral.org.uk to confirm participation.

This Lovely Lady – Bryan Kelly is in the RSCM Silver Book, or you can buy an off-print of it from the RSCM. Smith Responses are the version in a flat in 5 parts in the Tudor Responses Collection. Psalm 150 – Stanford is in many standard chant collections, and is also available on www.cpd.org. Canticles, Stanford in C are available from Stainer & Bell or on www.cpd.org. Ave Maris Stella – Elgar is published by Novello.

News and events in brief

To help Christian voters be more election-savvy, a new website has been produced. Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office, Catholic Parliamentary Office, CARE, Christians Count and the Evangelical Alliance are behind www.churchesvote.org intended to help explore the issues; find out what the parties are saying; and find out how to question candidates. Organisers of hustings can register their events on the site's hustings finder.

This year's Scottish National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham takes place 23rd – 26th September. The total cost will be £230 (£100 for children; under-5s free). For information contact Fr. Darren McFarland (01505 812359) or Sandra Fowles (01505 844865). A DVD on the work of the Shrine is available. Places are limited so prompt booking is needed.

The annual ministry celebration service takes place on Saturday, 4th June at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. All Lay Readers and those in Authorised Ministry and their supporters are warmly encouraged by the Bishop to attend. A light lunch at noon will be followed by the service at 1.15 p.m. This year's service will have a focus on Lay Readers.

The 7th Grosvenor Essay, *Thinking the Nicene Creed: Incarnation* is now available.

Based around the Nicene Creed, a fundamental part of the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Scottish Episcopal Church, it explores central issues in the life, thought and worship of the Church today, and looks towards the future. Incarnation is a concept at the heart of the Creed, and the key to the salvation which it promises to humanity. Why incarnation? Would it not be a good idea to free ourselves from some of these ancient formulations in the 21st century? This is a fair question, and not a new one. To answer it Grosvenor Essay 7 looks at incarnation in the tradition and the contemporary life of our Church.

Copies cost £3 and can be obtained through the General Synod Office at 21 Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh (reception@scotland.anglican.org).

A free electronic version of the Scottish Episcopal Church's In-spires magazine is available by e-mail. Sign up for SEC news at <http://www.inspires.org.uk/subscribe>.

Back to Church Sunday developer Michael Harvey is offering the 'Doubling a congregation in a day' seminar around Scotland.

These are open meetings for congregations wishing to explore Back to Church Sunday which is on the last Sunday of September.

Dates and venues in Glasgow & Galloway are:

Tuesday, 29th March, 7.00 p.m., Howard Centre, 5 Portland Road, Kilmarnock, KA12BT.

Wednesday, 30th March, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m., The Cornerstone, Bishopton Church Centre, Greenock Road, Bishopton, PA7 5JW.

Thursday, 31st March, 2 - 4 p.m. and 7.30 - 9.30 p.m., Cathcart Trinity Church, 90 Clarkston Rd, Glasgow, G44 3DA.

If you would like to attend contact team@backtochurch.co.uk.

Registration for back to Church Sunday is now open. To register your congregation, go to www.backtochurch.co.uk.

All Saints April Service Rota

Date	Sidesmen 8 a.m.	Sidesmen 11 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
3rd April Mothering Sunday	Peter Smart	P. Thompson S. Lewis	LH Mike RH Graham	TBA	TBA	TBA	Dorothy Peck Sheila Gray Jane Lewis
10th April Lent 5	David Hamblen	J. Sherwood C. Fisher	LH Louise RH Andrew	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Graham Caie	Lenten Litany	Margaret Dunn Margery Pollock May Campbell
17th April Palm Sunday	Peter Smart	P. Waugh M. Stott	LH John RH Smiths	Matthew 26:1-27:66	Susan Gray	Lenten Litany	Janet Stack Joyce James Kate Ross
24th April Easter Day	Andrew Long	M. Ross D. Hamblen	LH Hanan RH Sheena	Jeremiah 31:1-6 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10	Janet Stack	Mike Graham	Ann Wheatley Christine Fry Sheila Benson

If you are unable to attend please arrange for a swap, thank you.

All Saints May Service Rota

Date	Sidesmen 8 a.m.	Sidesmen 11 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
1st May Easter 2	No Service	J. Stack D. Wheatley	<i>LH</i> Mike <i>RH</i> Richard	TBA	TBA	TBA	Betty Neilson Pauline Waugh Fiona Hemple
8th May Easter 3	No Service	H. Mapplebeck A. Long	<i>LH</i> Louise <i>RH</i> Penny	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Hebrews 12:1-3 Luke 1:46-55	Ann Wheatley	Sheena MacDonald	Elaine Perrett Gladys Mitchell Maureen Vaughn
15th May Easter 4	Peter Smart	B. Sharp R. Thompson	<i>LH</i> Graham <i>RH</i> Susan	Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Eric Horton	Susan Gray	Barbara Thompson Gillian Kingslake Sheena MacDonald
22nd May Easter 5	Andrew Long	R. Kingslake K. Ross	<i>LH</i> John <i>RH</i> Andrew	Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Mary Darke	Christine Smith	Jane Lewis Dorothy Peck Shelia Gray
29th May Easter 6	David Wheatley	J. James C. Campbell	<i>LH</i> Hanan <i>RH</i> Smiths	Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Mary Stott	John Duncan	May Campbell Margaret Dunn Margerly Pollock

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St. Andrew's April Service Rota

Date	Depute Warden	Eucharistic Assistant	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Evening Prayer	E.P. Readings
3rd April Mothering Sunday	Pamela	Fraser	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	Ruth	Jan	Sue & Nan	Diocesan Evensong 6.30pm at the Cathedral	
10th April Lent 5	Rosamond	Robert	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Caroline	Lenten Litany	Margaret	Leader	Ps 34
							David Hamblen	Lam 3:19-33 Heb 12:18-29
17th April Palm Sunday	Robert	Steve	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:1-27:66	Tamara	Lenten Litany	Mairi	Leader	Ps 31:9-16
							Sue	Zech 12:9-11 Mat 21:12-17
24th April Easter Day	Steve	Wilma	Jeremiah 31:1-6 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10	Jan	Pamela	Wilma	No Evening Service	

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St. Andrew's May Service Rota

Date	Depute Warden	Eucharistic Assistant	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee	Evening Prayer	E.P. Readings
1st May Easter 2	Robert	Fraser	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Irene	Fraser	Wilma	Leader Fraser	Ps 143:1-11 Dan 6:1-23 1Cor 5:6b-8
8th May Easter 3	Pamela	Robert	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	James	Pamela	Clare	Leader Robert	Ps 142 Hag 1:13-2:9 1Cor 3:10-17
15th May Easter 4	Clare	Steve	Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	Wilma	Jan	Pamela	Leader David Wheatley	Ps 81:8-16 Ezra 3:1-13 Eph 2:11-22
22nd May Easter 5 (Africa Sunday)	Rosamond	Fraser	Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	Steve	Fraser	Sue & Nan	Leader Jan	Ps 96 Zech 4:1-10 Rev 21:1-14
29th May Easter 6	Robert	Wilma	Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Sue	Pamela	Margaret	Choral Evensong at All Saints	

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St. Andrew's Music

Date	Setting and Books	Hymns
3rd April Mothering Sunday	Galloway Mass Taize Chant	283; 231; Taize; 300; 404; 33
	Evensong 6.30 p.m.	Psalm 99; 14; Mag & Nunc Set D; Hymns 4; 44; 444
10th April Lent 5	Galloway Mass	508; 226; 140; 404; MP 673
17th April Palm Sunday		Service Book
21st April Maundy Thursday		Service Book
24th April Easter Day	Appleford	157; 161; 156; Song 28; 167
1st May Easter 2	Appleford Taize	160; 415; Taize; 226; 410; 528
	Evensong 6.30 p.m.	Psalm 143.1-11; Mag & Nunc Set A
8th May Easter 3	Appleford	492; MP 975; 180; Song 6; 519
15th May Easter 4	Appleford	18; 211; 212; 29; 556
22nd May Easter 5 AFRICA SUNDAY		TBA
29th May Easter 6	Appleford	160; 482(ii); 241; 399(i); 531

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April - May Services

Date	All Saints	St. Andrew's
3rd April	8 a.m. Said Eucharist	9.15 a.m. Said Eucharist
Mothering Sunday	11 a.m. Sung Eucharist	
Wednesday 6 th	10 a.m. Said Eucharist	
Thursday 7 th		10 a.m. Said Eucharist
10th April	8 a.m. Said Eucharist	9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Lent 5	11 a.m. Sung Eucharist	6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Wednesday 13 th	10 a.m. Said Eucharist	
Thursday 14 th		10 a.m. Said Eucharist
17th April	8 a.m. Said Eucharist	9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Palm Sunday	11 a.m. Palms and Passion	6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Wednesday 20 th	10 a.m. Said Eucharist	
Maundy Thursday 21 st	7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist (with foot washing and vigil)	10 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Good Friday	Noon – Children's service	2 p.m. Stations of the Cross
24th April	8 a.m. Said Eucharist	9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Easter Day	11 a.m. Sung Eucharist	
Drumchapel	9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist	
Wednesday 27 th	10 a.m. Morning Prayer	
Thursday 28 th		10 a.m. Reserved Eucharist
1st May	8 a.m. No Eucharist	9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Easter 2	11 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Reserved)	6.30 p.m. Evensong
Wednesday 4 th	10 a.m. Morning Prayer	
Thursday 5 th		10 a.m. Reserved Eucharist
8th May	8 a.m. No Eucharist	9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Easter 3	11 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Reserved)	6.30 p.m. Evensong
Wednesday 11 th	10 a.m. Said Eucharist	
Thursday 12 th		10 a.m. Said Eucharist
15th May	8 a.m. Said Eucharist	9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Easter 4	11 a.m. Sung Eucharist	6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Wednesday 18 th	10 a.m. Said Eucharist	
Thursday 19 th		10 a.m. Said Eucharist
22nd May	8 a.m. Said Eucharist	9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Easter 5	11 a.m. Sung Eucharist	6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Wednesday 25 th	10 a.m. Said Eucharist	
Thursday 26 th		10 a.m. Said Eucharist
29 th May	8 a.m. Said Eucharist	9.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Easter 6	11 a.m. Sung Eucharist	6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer